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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

1. THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, WHICH COUNTS THE VOTES, HAS DECLARED GISCARD D'ESTAING THE WINNER IN A VERY CLOSE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. AFP REPORTS THAT MITTERRAND HAS CONCEDED. THE RESULTS, WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL ARE NOT YET OFFICIAL. WITH 25.9 MILLION VOTES (OUT OF AN EXPECTED 26.6 MILLION) COUNTED, GISCARD HAS 50.71 PERCENT. THOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT VOTING IRREGULARITIES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN VIEW OF THE CLOSENESS OF THE VOTE THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL MAY ORDER A RECOUNT.

2. THE VOTER TURNOUT OF 87 PERCENT WAS THE HEAVIEST IN FRENCH HISTORY AND THE FIRST TIME THERE WAS A LARGER TURNOUT ON THE SECOND ROUND THAN ON THE FIRST. IT APPEARS THAT THIS TURNOUT WAS A FACTOR IN GISCARD'S

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VICTORY.

3. AFTER THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL HAS ANNOUNCED THE OFFICIAL RESULTS, THE INAUGURATION, WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE FOREIGN PARTICIPATION, WILL TAKE PLACE. IT IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO HOLD THE CEREMONY ON MAY 24, BUT

THE FINAL DATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN POHER AND GISCARD.

4. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWS. RUSH

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